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To all holders of Collection and Transportation Licenses

As in the past, I am writing to remind all holders of waste collection and transportation (C&T) licenses of important responsibilities regarding recycling in Wisconsin.

1. **New in 2005 –Hauler Notification: Effective July 1, 2005**, all licensed waste haulers who collect and transport municipal solid wastes are required to notify their clients of the need to comply with state and local recycling laws according to the provisions listed under s. NR 502.06, Wis. Adm. Code. Notification of this requirement was sent to all licensed waste haulers on December 28, 2005. To comply with the notification requirement, a hauler must notify new and existing clients that state and local laws require everyone in Wisconsin to recycle materials subject to Wisconsin's landfill prohibitions. DNR technical guidance document WA-425-05 which summarizes the notification requirements and provides guidance on how to comply with state law.
2. **Report Recyclables Weights to Responsible Units**: Municipalities that have organized into Responsible Units (RUs) for recycling are required to report annually to DNR on the tonnage of recyclables collected from residents in their area. RUs that rely on private haulers need the residential tonnage information from their haulers. You can make this process efficient by keeping good records and making them available in a timely fashion when the RU representative calls asking for the numbers. Note that NR 502.06(4)(er) requires licensed haulers to provide information on recyclable materials collection needed for RU DNR annual reports
3. **Maintain Separated Recyclables in Marketable Condition**: Each year, a few haulers are fined for mixing separated recyclables with regular trash and disposing of them in Wisconsin landfills or taking them out-of-state for disposal. Note that NR 502.06(4)(e) and (f) requires haulers to maintain separated recyclables in clean condition and to comply with the prohibition on land disposal of recyclables. This is a condition for keeping your license.
4. **Please Help Your Clients Obey the Law**: Each year we hear anecdotes that some haulers are attempting to gain a marketing edge by suggesting to potential clients that they don't have to recycle. All Wisconsin residents and businesses are required to recycle by local ordinances, consistent with the state's waste management regulations. The NR 502.06 revisions clearly state that haulers must provide accurate information to their residential and business clients about recycling requirements under state and local laws. Please help your clients comply with the law.

Recycling is a popular and effective program in Wisconsin, worth everyone's support. It has a net positive environmental impact, contributes to local job creation, and enjoys the support of over 90% of our residents. I want to thank you for your past cooperation and ask for your continued support of the recycling program. If you have questions about this, or any recycling issue, please feel free to contact your local recycling coordinator or contact Cynthia Moore, Recycling Program Coordinator, at (608) 267-7550, by e-mail at cynthia.moore@dnr.state.wi.us or in writing at Cynthia Moore WA/3, WDNR, 101 S Webster, Madison, WI 53707.

Sincerely,

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